GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:569
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2003
ERADICATION OF MALARIA
SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have taken steps for the eradication of Malaria in the country;

(b) if so, the measures taken in this regard in 2002-03;

(c) whether the Government are considering ICON an effective medicine for the eradication of Malaria; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)to(d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 569 FOR 30.4.2003

(a) The eradication of Malaria, which means total elimination of the vector mosquitoes and malaria parasite, is not technically feasible. Therefore, all possible efforts are being made to control malaria. For this purpose, the Central Government provides technical support, anti-malaria drugs, approved insecticides and larvicides, Medicated Bednets for personnel protection etc. to the State Governments. Funds for IEC and Training activities are also provided under the National Anti Malaria Programme.The North-Eastern States and 100 Tribal districts in 8 States are provided additional support for meeting the operational expenses including transportation cost of the materials and spray wages.

(b) 5800 Metric Tonnes of DDT, 382 Metric Tonnes of Synthetic Pyrethroids, 42.43 crores tablets of Anti Malarial Drugs and 2.67 lakh ampoules of Quinine Injections have been provided as commodity assistance to the States during the year 2002-03.In addition, cash assistance to the tune of Rs.32.51 crores has been provided to the 8 States with tribal districts covered under the Enhanced Malaria Control Project and the North Eastern States. Funds for IEC and Training have been released to the other States through the Regional Directors.

(c)&(d): ICON is one of the Synthetic Pyrethroids which is already being used for indoor residual spray in selected areas under the Enhanced Malaria Control Project with World Bank support.